

## **Alabama State Board of Auctioneers**

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## MINUTES Board Meeting January 12, 2012

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at the Board offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, for the purpose of conducting Board business. Those in attendance were as follows: Mr. Ken Garner (Chair), Mr. Bryant Wood, (Vice Chair), Mr. Bryan Knox (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Johnny Vetra, Member, Michael Langford, Member, and Mr. David Starnes, Member. Board members not in attendance were Mr. Buddy Ray and Mr. Mark Lane. The Board, consisting of a quorum, continued with a voting meeting. Also present were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Dana Billingsley (Board Counsel); Mr. Carl Mike James (Board Investigator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren).

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Ken Garner, Chair.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, <u>www.auctioneer.alabama.gov</u>, and the Secretary of State's website, <u>www.sos.state.al.us</u>, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Mr. Garner welcomed members present at the meeting and Mr. Warren gave the opening statement concerning Roberts Rules of Order and the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

A copy of the October 6, 2011, meeting minutes were provided to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Knox made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the October 6, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vetra and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report to include the Executive Assistant's Report. A detailed list of deposits and vouchers was provided to the Board for their review. Mr. Warren also reported on the current number of licensees (report available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Ms. Billingsley indicated that she had no issues to present in the Legal Counsel's report.

Mr. Wood commented on concerns from specific auctioneer focus groups about company licensing requirements. Mr. Knox asked about company license for auctioneer partnerships and Ms. Billingsley explained the exception allowed for sole proprietorships.

Mr. Warren commented on plans to propose new legislation during the upcoming legislative session. Ms. Billingsley will review the proposed legislation and make recommendations to the Board before the session begins. Mr. Garner requested that the proposed legislation, after being read in the upcoming session, be posted on the Board's website.

The Board discussed activities in other states concerning automotive auctions.

The Board discussed potential candidates from District I to serve on the Board. Mr. Warren explained that Board members will continue to serve until an appointment has been made by the Governor.

The Board agreed to defer the discussion of examination fees and comparing those fees charged by other states.

Mr. James, investigator, reported that auctioneer complaints were being reviewed as they are received.

Mr. Garner reviewed priorities, which he had prepared as Chair, for the Board to address, which included legislation and statute changes, complaints, involvement in the state's Auctioneer Association, sponsorship of CE class, and Board vacancies and attendance at meetings.

The Board discussed participating in the upcoming meeting of the Alabama Auctioneer Association to be held in Guntersville.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is April 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langford and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Garner

Chair

Keith E. Warren